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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Intercoast Energy Company  
Serial No.: 08/516,646  
Filed: August 18, 1995  
Group Art Unit: 2411  
Examiner: J. Thomas  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRADING  
ELECTRIC ENERGY

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 1997, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows: